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INDIVIDUALS WITH DD SERVED

Diagnostic Basis for Functional Limitations

Instructions

Major Life Activities and Functional Limitations

Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities
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Individual With DD Served	
Functional Limitation	Condition Summary
Self Care	
Receptive/Expressive Language	
Learning	
Mobility	
Self Direction	
Capacity for Independent Living	
Economic Self Sufficiency	
Completed By	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"><div style="width: 45%; text-align: center;">_____ Name</div><div style="width: 45%; text-align: center;">_____ Date</div></div>	
<p><i>Purpose</i></p> <p>This form strengthens the link between Developmental Disabilities as defined in the DD act, and any documentation serving as a basis for providing services and supports with DD funding. Complete this form as part of the evaluation/diagnosis section of the individual's record.</p> <p><i>Instructions</i></p> <p>Condition Summary – Provide a summary of significant functional limitations.</p>	

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Major Life Activities and Corresponding Functional Limitations

Activity	Definition Of Activity *	Definition Of Substantial Functional Limitation For An Individual**
Self Care	Daily activities which enable a person to meet basic needs for food, hygiene and appearance.	A person who has a long-term condition which requires that person to need significant assistance to look after personal needs such as food, hygiene and appearance. Significant assistance may be defined as assistance at least one-half of the time for one activity or a need for some assistance in more than one-half of all activities normally required for self-care.
Receptive And Expressive Language	Communication involving both verbal and non-verbal behavior enabling the individual both to understand others and to express ideas/information to others.	A person who has a long-term condition which prevents that person from effectively communicating with another person without the aid of a third person, a person with special skill or with a mechanical device, or a long-term condition which prevents him/her from articulating his thoughts.
Learning	General cognitive competence and ability to acquire new behaviors, perceptions and information, and to apply experiences in new situations.	A person who has a long-term condition, which seriously interferes with cognition, visual or aural communication, or use of hands to the extent that special intervention or special programs are required to aid that person in learning.
Mobility	Motor development and ability to use fine and gross motor skills. Ability to move one's person from place to place with or without mechanical aids.	A person who has a long-term condition which impairs the ability to use fine and/or gross motor skills to the extent that assistance of another person and/or mechanical device is needed in order for the individual to move from place to place.
Self-Direction	Management and taking control over one's social and personal life. Ability to make decisions affecting and protecting one's own interests.	A person who has a long-term condition which requires that person to need assistance in being able to make independent decisions concerning social and individual activities and/or in handling personal finances and/or protecting his/her own self-interest.
Capacity For Independent Living	Age appropriate ability to live without extraordinary assistance from other persons, especially to maintain normal societal roles.	A person who has a long-term condition that limits the person from performing normal societal roles or which makes it unsafe for that person to live alone to such an extent that assistance, supervision or presence of a second person is required more than half the time.
Economic Self Sufficiency	Maintaining adequate employment and financial support. Ability to earn a "living wage," net, after payment of extra-ordinary expenses occasioned by the disability. Absence of dependence on family or welfare for financial support.	A person who has a long-term condition, which prevents that person from working in regular employment or which limits his or her productive capacity to such an extent that, it is insufficient for self-support.

* Source of definition of activities is *The Modified Definition of Developmental Disabilities: An Initial Exploration*. Elinor Gollay, Morgan Management Systems, March 1979.

** Source of definitions of substantial functional limitation is *A Numerical and Functional Description of the Developmental Disabilities Population*. Elizabeth M. Boggs and R. Lee Henney, EMC Institute, 1979.